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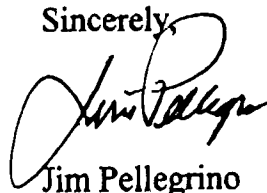
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The settlement that has been reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice must be approved. I feel that this agreement is long overdue. Microsoft and the rest of the technology industry make up one of the fastest growing, most profitable sectors of the U.S. economy, and this suit is detrimental to our economy. The bottom line is that Microsoft is one of America's largest employers, and given the current state of the economy, this settlement is critical.

This suit should never have gotten as far as it has. Microsoft, in my opinion, was never guilty of antitrust violations. Microsoft's products are high quality, they are reasonably priced, and they have withstood the test of time as the best products on the market. Without the Windows operating system we never would have had the boom that we have experienced in the IT field. Microsoft has made computers accessible to consumers, and I would hate to give up the benefits and ease that I now have with my Microsoft products because the government believes that they have become too successful.

It is clear to me that this country needs to see the end of this suit before we can hope to recoup our financial losses. I support the settlement, and hope that it is approved as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Jim Pellegrino